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To Build Zinc Smelter

The zinc smelter for the Crows Nest Pass, of which there has been much talk for several months is to become a reality, and is to be located at Frank. A telegram has been received in Nelson from C. Fernau, promoter of the undertaking, stating that a decision to that effect had been definitely reached.

This is to be regarded as good news for the Windermere district, as it augurs well for the numerous properties here containing silver-lead-zinc ores, and when the Kootenay Central Railway is built this zinc smelter will prove of the greatest advantage to mine owners here as it will be within easy reach. Hitherto the zinc values in some of our well-developed properties has been the one obstacle to their becoming shipping and paying mines, but with a smelter at Frank that will extract zinc and pay for that metal the properties will come rapidly to the front.

The Nelson Daily News is informed that work on the erection of the smelter will be commenced at once, or as soon as preliminary matters can be arranged, and that it is the intention of the promoters to prosecute the work all winter with the idea of being ready to begin operations early next season. To enable the work to be carried on during the winter, it is stated that the building will be erected first without foundation, and that when these are up it will be practicable to lay the foundations inside them for the plant without danger of the masonry being injured by frost. It is stated that the plant, to begin with, is to be built on the basis of a thousand retorts, with the idea in view of increasing the capacity as circumstances warrant.

The principal business of the proposed smelter is, of course, to treat ores for zinc, but it will also treat silver and lead ores. The company expects to treat the zinc ores of the Kootenays and to the end that the cheapest possible treatment charges may obtain, the mines of British Columbia shipping zinc ores will be expected to concentrate at the various concentrating plants now in operation or in course of construction and the ores be shipped to the Frank smelter in the form of concentrates. It was with this idea in view that it was decided to locate the smelter at some one of the coal mining towns of the Pass. As the smelter will use somewhere in the neighborhood of 15 tons of coal to one of concentrates the advantage of being located near the coal is obvious. There has been much speculation as to which town of the Pass would get the smelter. All have been bidding for it, but the selection lay between Fernie and Frank, and the latter appears to have offered the stronger inducement. The site selected is on the Old Man river, just east of the big slide. The ground was owned by the Canadian American Coal & Coke Co., and was, it is stated, donated to the smelter company.

Forty, Stoddard, Bulman, Pitts, Ranch, Cameron, and Pelley.
Messrs. S. Brewer, Young, H. Brewer, Tait, J. Tagert, W. Tagert, Bulman, R. Hewston, W. Stoddard, Jenkins, P. Hart, McKay, C. Cameron, Russell, F. Hume, McNeil, Lake, Cartwright, F. Morigan, E. Morigan, M. Morigan, S. Gallop, R. Gallop, Williamson, Snook, Stuckdale, Yates, G. Chamberlain, W. Chamberlain, J. Johnston, Earl, Black, Grant, G. Evans, Rauch, Nelson, and J. Blythe.

Mining Records

At the Wilmer Mining Recorder's office business is necessarily slow at this season of the year, but the following are the recent records:

Geo. C. Schmidt has recorded two years assessment each on White Star, Red Star and Evening Star, situated on Iron Tap creek, to W. Haupt.

Messrs. Brown, Derrard and Schweithuth have recorded assessments on First Effort, Columbia, Big Chief, Lucky Strike and Lead Queen, situated on No. 3 creek.

R. S. Gallop has also recorded work on Shamrock, on Boulder creek.

J. E. Stoddard has transferred a one-half interest in the Blue Bird, situated on Iron Tap creek, to W. Haupt.

Geo. C. Schmidt transferred to Frank Unfried a half interest in the Jumbo Fork of Toby creek.

DISTRICT CROPPINGS

And Other Items of Interest in a General Way

Thos. Powell, of Windermere, is the happy father of another litigant.

Sleighing is now good, but the snow is going rapidly with the present warm weather.

Born—To the wife of Rev. E. St. G. Smyth, at Windermere, on December 23rd, a daughter.

The ice on Windermere lake is now solid and teamsters have been making good use of it the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Starbird and child returned to Wilmer by Monday's stage, after spending Xmas at Mrs. Starbird's home in Cooperstown, N.D.

A. R. Yates is issuing some of the very neatest calendars in his patron's series here this season. The Outcrop presses will be final with them tomorrow and then the public may judge.

New Year's eve Mr. and Mrs. George Chamberlain entertained their friends at the Hotel Wilmer in a most pleasant manner. Shortly after 7 o'clock guests to the number of over 20 ladies and gentlemen entered the prettily decorated dining room and took their places at a long table bounteously and daintily spread with good eatables, consisting of the most reasonable viands. After doing justice to these a pleasant hour was spent in social conversation interspersed with "conundrums." The remainder of the evening was spent in card playing of various kinds, while the Old Year slipped pleasantly away the New Year was welcomed in and made glad with hearty good wishes and expressions of hope for the future of one and all present. At 2 a.m. the party finally broke up, voting Miss Host and Misses capital entertainers and wishing them all manner of prosperity for the New Year and many others to come.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Starke entertained a large number of Wilmer young men at their pretty home, "The Green Villa" New Year's night at dinner. The guests present spent a most enjoyable evening.

Early in the year the Provincial Mining Association will hold its annual meeting in Vancouver. Mining men from all parts of the province are expected to attend. President John Keen and Vice President John Hobson have been discussing with outside branches the subjects to be brought up. The association will press on the local government the need for the amendment, codification and consolidation of the mineral and placer acts, together with a chapter on water, its obtainability and uses to which it shall apply mining. The association wants to see if it can do something to avert the frequency of suits at law, which are chiefly caused by the ambiguity of language used in the two mining acts. Among other things the questions of staked location lines and mineral in place will come up, recent legal decisions leaving doubt upon the meanings of the statute.

R. O. Jennings, who under contract built the Horse Thief wagon road from Wilmer to the Plamargan Mines and who is well known throughout Kootenay, has gone on a holiday trip and the Cranbrook Herald has this to say of him: "Bob is certainly entitled to a well-earned holiday, as it is the first he has had since coming to Fort Steele twelve years ago. Since that time he has been busy hustling in the war of prospecting and developing the various camps of East Kootenay, both for himself and others. He also built the North Star wagon road from Kimberley to the mine and was the first superintendent of the property. Since then he has been engaged on Perry creek and other places in opening up properties for outside capitalists. His intention is to visit the various points of interest on the north Pacific coast."

OUR ORE SHIPMENTS

The Paradise shipped from 1st April, 1901, to 31st Dec, 1903, net tons 1010.49, the gross value of the metals, without smelter deductions, being \$75,390.01.

The last shipment from the Tecumseh was 42,250 pounds for which the smelter returns show that the gross value was \$1,500.88, without the lead bounty.

Mine	Tons
Paradise	1,080.36
" " In transit	200
Delphine	130.8
" " In transit	40
Plamargan Mines	165
" " In transit	165
Plamargan	2
White Cat	1
Silver Belt	14
M. T. Fraction	34
Bonyan	16
Perry Creek	6
Tecumseh	31 1/2
Estimated	

Drink water and you get typhoid. Drink milk and you get tuberculosis. Drink whiskey and you get the 17's. Eat white flour and get appendicitis. Eat soap and get Bright's disease. Eat beef and encourage apoplexy. Eat oysters and encourage toxemia. Eat meats of any kind and get indigestion or some kind of a germ disease. Eat vegetables and weaken the system. Eat desserts and take on paralysis. Smoke cigars and secure a nice catarrh. Smoke cigarettes and die early. Drink coffee and tea and obtain nervous prostration. Drink beer and have dyspepsia. Drink wine and get the gout. In order to be entirely healthy one must eat nothing, drink nothing, smoke nothing, and even before breathing one should see that the air is properly sterilized.

Sayl's of The Selkicks.

The Camp Fire.

BY REV. C. F. YATES.

A sullen splash—as the speckled trout Darts up at his evening meal;
A swither and swirl of wings overhead Mark the path of the blue-winged teal.

Where the willows spring from the fernstrewn turf,
And the tints of Autumn lie,
A cock grouse croons to his whilom mate
An evening lullaby—

And down where the cabbage-lilies bring
Relief to the bankrupt bog,
The mallard calls to a truant brood
With a voice of the demagogue.

A globe—where the fingers of wanton stream
Play chimps on the patient rocks,
A black-faced caribou wets his nose
And splashes his fevered locks—

That glist thro' the ranks of cone-topped fir
Marks the swarth of a mountain pass;
You glacial giant and Luna use
The lake for a looking glass.

On the debris left where the mountain snow
Tobogganed with laughing June,
A lone coyote sits on his haunch
And howls at the man in the moon—

And a tired trapper and trapper's dog,
As sons of the hills know how,
Carl close on the bed of ciderdown
Fresh cut from the cedar's bough.

And the dying camp-fire's embers show
The tint of stars above the stupa,
And the night wind sings the old hymn
Of Omnipresent Love.

[The foregoing poem is one of a short series which the Rev. Mr. Yates, of Golden, is writing under the title, "Sylls of The Selkicks," with a view, we understand, of attracting attention to the Columbia Valley, and there is no doubt but that sportsmen's papers and magazines will gladly print such gems as this. The Outcrop has the writer's permission to publish this and feel grateful for it.]—E.

Alaskan Prices

George Indest, formerly a resident of Wilmer, has sent The Outcrop a copy of the News, Fairbanks, Alaska, bearing the date of Nov. 5, which he sent in an envelope, as only letters are brought down by mail during winter. "Doc" is evidently paying high prices for "arbit" this winter if one may judge from the following extract from the News:

Fairbanks begins a winter season with foodstuffs, and the most common staples at that, valued at prices that make a cheerless grin. The restaurant man if the outside considers the salt and pepper used on his tables of little more value than the glasses of water, if any at all. When a Fairbanks restaurateur sees a customer sip a steak generously he sighs and thinks of pepper at \$2.50 the pound and salt at one fifth the same cost.

Food lines are not the only ones short this winter, either. Coal oil, for instance, is sold at a rate, that prevailing for one week out side would probably double John D. Rockefeller's fortune. The price, \$20 a case, is as usual, ten times as great as the quotations of the Seattle market at the present time. The raise is the effect of a candle famine, the present price being \$15 a box.

Meats and fish are also very high, the big, valuable property of the market being fresh Eastern oysters. They are sold at \$3 a can. The price is prohibitive, as it is intended. The deal,

are are trying to hold the stock till Christmas when they are sure of selling at good rates.

Living in Fairbanks is in every way more expensive than in Dawson.

In England a letter-carrier cannot use a bicycle while distributing mail on Sunday. This retards the work upon that day of these worthy public servants, but saves property from being pelted with indignity. Such a law is in a par with the Scotchman who quit a game of cards on the Sabbath because one of the players began to whistle.

"Are you sure the course is clear?" she whispered, sliding down to arms of her lover. "Yes," he responded; "I succeeded in finding a hole in the water-pipe. Your father has discovered it, and will keep his finger over the hole until the plumber arrives. Come!"

Now boys, what is the best and most appropriate time to thank the Lord? No answer. What does your father do when you sit down to meals? "Cuss the cook!"

The following brief but explicit telegram was sent from a neighborly state to Georgia recently: "Reason John did not get home for Christmas was—he stopped in a hotel for the first time in his life, and 'blowed out the gas.'"

In South Carolina what was the verdict that the coroner's jury returned? "Willful neglect of duty on the part of deceased. He went out unarmed knowing the other fellow was in town."

THE NEW YEAR'S BALL

The Annual New Year's Ball held in the Atholmer Hall last Friday evening was even a greater success than was anticipated. This was their fifth annual ball and each in their turn have proved more successful than the previous one. The hall this year was decorated more tastefully and with a different design than on previous occasions. Prof. and Mrs. Harrison supplied excellent music and were relieved of one number by Mr. Earl. The object of the dance was first and foremost to have a good time and all joined in heartily to obtain this end—and if one may judge by the looks and expressions of the pleasure-seekers they certainly accomplished their object. Yet there was another object and a worthy object at that; it was to have a surplus left over to go towards aiding as a donation to the hall to be used as a

dressing room. The hall was erected in the summer of 1900 by the enterprising townspeople and up-to-date they have never taken one dollar as rent for all the public gatherings held in it, and there have been numerous, not for its use as a school. This is certainly commendable enterprise, especially when it is considered how little other townspeople have offered to do in this direction, and, therefore, it is very evident that the people of this district are quite willing to and even anxious to assist in the erection of the proposed addition.

A splendid luncheon was served at mid-night and highly partaken of, after which dancing was continued until 2 a.m. There were over 32 couples present among whom were the following ladies and gentlemen:

Misses Norris, Brice, Forre, Matheson, Booth, McNeil, Martin, Young, Ford and Colton.

Madams McKay, Brahan, Brewer, Starke, Powell, Evans, G. Chamberlain, W. Chamberlain, Harrison, Lake, R. A. Klumpson, Martin, W. Tagert, Nelson,

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WILMER, B.C., THURSDAY, JAN. 5, 1903.

Another year has passed and gone and it is with no feeling of despondence that we in North East Kootenay look back on the past, and it is with no touch of fear that we look forward to the future; indeed, the future looks very bright and the horizon wears a beautiful rosy hue. All things considered we have reason to believe that we have entered upon an exceedingly prosperous New Year—and the eyes of the world are on North East Kootenay.

What will the construction of the Kootenay Central Railway and the mining and lumber industrial development mean to the agriculturalists of this valley? In the first place it will mean a largely increased home market, caused by the great influx of an industrial population; and, secondly, that they will, through the favorably railway communication established, have to meet the competition of the farmers of the prairie. This latter condition should tend to cause the farmer here to better himself to seek, from an agricultural standpoint, to make the best possible showing.

The Winnipeg Farmer's Advocate has issued a splendid holiday number in which Thos. McMillan supplies a good article titled "The Outlook of British Columbia", from which the following is extracted: "A Province with an area of over three hundred and seventy thousand square miles, greater in extent than Ontario by over one hundred thousand square miles, and blessed as it is with extensive coast fisheries, its magnificent timber, its invaluable mineral wealth, its belts of extremely fertile soil, and its favorable climate, coupled with the fact that a large section of its territory is about to be opened up by means of another transcontinental railway, and the additional fact that the completion of the Panama Canal will provide favorable water communication with the markets of Europe, why should that Province not flourish and fairly blossom into commercial life?"

Of late there has been a lot of talk about another Provincial election to be brought on in the near future and the opposition papers continue to enlarge upon every new rumor that is floated. However, in The Outcrop's humble opinion an early election is not probable nor is it desirable. It is not desirable for the simple reason that British Columbia has suffered too much from the numerous political changes of recent years, and also for the reason that the people would like to see if a "party lines" government is not superior to an independent. It is not probable for the reason that the government supporters in the House do not want an early election. True, the Socialists hold the balance of power, but we take it that the Socialists know a good thing when they have it in hand. They may try to worry the government in order to get all they want, but it is not at all likely they will go the length of defeating it (unless the opposition are prepared to do better for them), for the Socialists' next state is certain to be worse than their present. The Socialists now have an opportunity of doing more real good for the principles for which they stand than they could possibly hope for by bringing on an election. The rumor that Premier McBride will at the next session bring down a vigorous and comprehensive railway policy to be defeated and then have something tangible to set before the electors is altogether too shallow a josh to spring on the people of this province. When Premier McBride appeals to the electors it will be as Premier of this province for he knows full well the prestige that title bears with it, else many are sadly mistaken; at any rate it must be acknowledged that he knows better than to defeat himself for the purpose of bringing on an election to rid himself of the Socialists. This province needs a rest from political elections and turmoil. Our various industries have suffered as a consequence of the past battles and capitalists have been kept away and development retarded. Now that the progress is being made and a healthier stand obtained it is to be earnestly hoped politics will not again upset our prospects. It has been said many times that all B.C. is in need of is less politics and a chance to prosper.

TIMBER LIENSES.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands in the North East Kootenay District: Commencing at a post marked "W. Kay's Northwest corner post" and planted on the south fork of Toby creek, thence south and a half mile above the mouth of the creek, thence south 30 chains, thence east 30 chains, thence north 30 chains, thence west 30 chains to place of commencement; containing 640 acres. Dated Dec. 10th, 1902. W. KAY.

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